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- Established by Corp's Director of Civil Works in August 2003
- MVD center became operational 5 Jan 04
- First draft PgMP completed in Feb 04
- Final plan and program in place by 1 Oct 04
- Based at the MVD MSC

ECOCX Roles & Responsibilities

- Provide environmental and ecosystem restoration planning services
  - RIT support (QA and Policy)
  - Training support including TDY, Tech 13’s, PROSPECT, PA
  - CoP support
  - ITR services
  - Model development/review
  - Technical support, R&D

ECOCX Organization

- Director – MVD Planning CoP Leader
  - Steve Cobb, 601-634-5762
- Deputy Director – MVD Environmental CoP Leader
  - David Vigh, 601-634-5854
- Core PDT of 6 MVD technical leaders & ERDC member
- Virtual regional and national resources

ECOCX Operation

- Customer contacts the center Director about interest and availability
- Customer provides the center Deputy with SOW and schedule
- Deputy engages PDT, evaluates/ develops capability and costs (reg. & nat.)
- Deputy and customer agree to terms
- Customer provides funds (ie. MIPR)
- Work is completed according to terms
- Customer feedback requested

ECOCX Status

- 2nd Draft PgMP to be completed early April
- Distribute to the MVD Districts for review and comment during April 04
- Distribute to MSCs for review and comment in May 04
- Post on MVD web site by June 04
- Develop a brochure and distribute during the summer 04
- Develop planning service modules for the PgMP as needed

ECOCX Status (Cont.)

- Currently have one active project in the center – ITR on San Antonio River Channel
  - MIPRs to MVN and MVD for work
- Presentation scheduled for Nat. Eco. Rest. Conference in FL, 6-10 Dec 04
- Continue development of national center resources and contacts
- Develop international presence
  - Iraq Wetlands
  - Mekong River Delta – Laos/Cambodia

ECOCX Needs

- More academic references
- More interagency references
- More state and local references
- Seed money
- Complete RIT and CoP contact lists
- Regular national center interaction opportunities - SOP

Questions and Comments?